

REMARKS

The Office Action dated July 06, 2006, in this Application has been carefully considered. Claims 42-65 are pending. The following remarks are presented in a sincere attempt to place this Application in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested in light of the following remarks.

Claims 42-65 stand objected to because "Claims 42, 54 the timing such as at least t, t1, t1+1, t2, t2+1 in the amended specification dated 05/10/2006 and Figure 3A are the new matters to the current application." Office Action, at Page 2. Claims 42-65 also stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. In particular, the Examiner states that, "The timing such as at least t, t1, t1+1, t2, t2+1 in the amended specification dated 05/10/2006 and Figure 3A are the new matters to the current application." Office Action, at Page 2. Applicants respectfully traverse both the claim objections and the claim rejections in the Office Action. Further, Applicants respectfully submit that Claims 42-65 are in condition for allowance as written.

As described above, the Examiner's sole complaint regarding the pending Claims appears to be that the timing indications "t", "t1", etc. constitute new matter. Applicants respectfully submit that the use of the letter "t" to indicate timing indications, time periods, or the starting point of events is well-known to those skilled in the art. As such, the phrases, "transitioning from a first logical state to a second logical state at time t", "transition a second clock signal to the second logical state at substantially time t", and "wherein the delay element has a propagation delay time t1", as recited in Claims 42 and 54, for example, are crystal clear to one skilled in the relevant art. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that the use of the timing indications "t", "t1", etc.,

clearly convey to one skilled in the relevant art that the inventors, at the time the application was filed, had possession of the claimed invention.

Moreover, the timing indications themselves are supported in the specification independent of the alleged “new matter” of Figure 3A. Figure 3 and the associated disclosure in the original Specification clearly supports the pending Claims as written. In fact, in a previous Response (entered on 05/10/2006), Applicants expressly stated, “Applicants submit that one skilled in the art could reproduce the added timing diagram and accompanying description solely from the invention as depicted in Figure 3.” Response, at Page 13. Further, the timing indications, “t”, “t1”, etc., are well-enough known to those skilled in the art that adding them to the Specification-supported Claims does not constitute “new matter”.

As described above, the only objections/rejections to the pending Claims refer to the use of the timing indications “t”, “t1”, etc. Applicants have clearly overcome the sole objections/rejections to the pending Claims. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the remainder of the Claims are also clearly supported by the original Specification. Thus, the entirety of the Claims 42-65 are supported by the original Specification and therefore do not constitute “new matter” in any part. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the objections and rejections to Claims 42-65 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, be withdrawn, and that Claims 42-65 be allowed.

Applicants have now made an earnest attempt to place this Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of Claims 42-65.

Applicants do not believe that any fees are due; however, in the event that any fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fees due (other than issue fees), and

to credit any overpayment made, in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-0605 of CARR LLP.

Should the Examiner deem that any further amendment is desirable to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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